the decision to choose Asheville for our US location. We look forward to a very long and mutually rewarding relationship with the Western North Carolina community and the State of North Carolina."

The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

"These jobs are good news for Buncombe County," said Sen. Martin Nesbitt, of Buncombe County, "and in this tough economic time, we all need good news for our people that are looking for work and for our companies that are making investments."

"North Carolina is leading the nation into recovery with some of the highest job growth numbers and personal income growth figures in the nation," said Rep. Jane Whilden, of Buncombe County. "It's because companies like Reich have seen that our policies are focused on building an economic environment for the future, not just trying to patch together a short-term fix."

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 45,000 jobs and \$8 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, Buncombe County, the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Coalition for Asheville-Buncombe County and AdvantageWest Economic Development Group.

For more information about Reich, including job opportunities, go to www.reich-gmbh.com/1-1-Home.html.

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